

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 09/446,314

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Art Unit: 1711

For: DRIED POROUS CRUMBS OF  
HYDROGENATED BLOCK COPOLYMER  
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Examiner: I. S. Zemel

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.